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ALSO PASS CAB: JUDGE WEST AND SCIBILIA

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, JA
SUBJ: CIVAIR: U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS' FLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: ASREQUESTED REFTEL, EMIN HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH MOFA AUGUST 5. DURING AUG 4 MEETING WITH JCAB, MOST AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SLOTS WERE SECURED AND YAMAJI PROMISED TO REVIEW TWO SLOT A DAY RULE WHILE JCAB CONTINUES TO PURSUE POSSIBLE USE OF CHITOSE. HE HAS PROMISED US AN ANSWER BY SATURDAY, AUG 6. IN VIEW OF THIS PROGRESS, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD ACCEPT CHITOSE IF IT IS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND THAT MIN BUTTON SHOULD EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IT WHEN HE CALLS ON THE MOFA AUG 5. END SUMMARY.

2. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, MIN BUTTON HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH MOFA DEPDIRGEN KITAMURA. HE WA ENGAGED IN INTERNAL AVIATION DISCUSSIONS AUG 4 AND SUGGESTED MEETING WITH BUTTON MORNING OF AUG 5.

3. DURING AUG 4 WORKING SESSION AT JCAB, SLOTS FOR MOST AUG/SEPT OPERATIONS WERE SECURED AND YAMAJI PROMISED TO REVIEW AGAIN OUR SPECIFIC REQUEST THAT AN EXCEPTION BE MADE TO THE
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TWO SLOT PER DAY RULE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE JCAB WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF CHITOSE WITH THE DEFENSE AGENCY, WHO CONTROLS THE AIRPORT. AND THAT AN ANSWER FROM THEM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AUG 5. YAMAJI ASKED COOKE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF USING SEOUL FOR THE TECHNICAL STOPS BUT COOKE REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD

BE "ECONOMICALLY DIFFICULT". YAMAJI PROMISED US AN ANSWER
RE THE TECHNICAL STOPOVERS BY AUG 6 AS HE LEAVES THAT EVENING
FOR AUSTRALIA WHERE HE REMAINS UNTIL THE 12TH. HE ALSO
REPEATED THE INFORMAL ASSURANCE THAT WORLD'S OTHER FOUR CHARTERS
IN OCTOBER WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED AT HANEDA.

4. COMMENT: DURING OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH JCAB WE HAD
FROM THE BEGINNING FREELY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE USE OF
CHITOSE INSTEAD OF HANEDA AS THIS POSSIBILITY WAS CLEARLY
ACCEPTABLE TO WORLD. PROBLEMS AROSE FIRST BECAUSE
OF THE NEED FOR DEFENSE AGENCY PERMISSION AND SECONDLY IN
REGARD TO WEIGHT. JCAB IS STILL CHECKING WHETHER
CHITOSE CAN BE USED. CLEARLY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND IF IT
IS VIABLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD
ACCEPT IT, AND THAT MIN BUNTON SHOULD EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS
TO ACCEPT IT DURING HIS CALL ON MOFA. NEED GUIDANCE
ON THIS POINT FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS AUGUST 5.
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